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In re Application of:)
Hervé BOUCHARD et al.) Group Art Unit: 1625
Application No.: 08/162,984) Examiner: B. Trinh
Filed: December 8, 1993)
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Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

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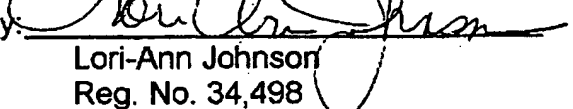
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